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RESOLUTION

RAOUL WALLENBERG

WHEREAS, Raoul Wallenberg, a member of a prominent Swedish Christian family was single-handedly responsible for saving some one hundred thousand European Jews from Nazi death camps during his extraordinary mission of mercy in Budapest, Hungary, during 1944; and

WHEREAS, Wallenberg was last officially seen under arrest in the escort of several Russian soldiers soon after the Soviets liberated Budapest, in January of 1945; and

WHEREAS, the Soviets denied any knowledge of Wallenberg, until early 1957, when they claimed he had died in a Soviet prison in the year 1947; and

WHEREAS, reports have continued to surface throughout the years citing contact with a Swedish person being held prisoner in the Soviet Gulag; and

WHEREAS, evidence indicates that the Swedish person is Raoul Wallenberg; and

WHEREAS, history has revealed that heroic acts, such as Wallenberg's, were tragically rare during the massacre of European Jewry; and

WHEREAS, the significance of this symbol of man's concern for his fellow man has been tainted by the Soviet wall of silence that surrounds his fate; and

WHEREAS, the Soviet Union that holds Wallenberg prisoner has a long history of repression of basic human rights and individual freedom;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith calls upon the Soviet Union to reveal the true facts surrounding the imprisonment of Raoul Wallenberg and to release him immediately; and

FURTHERMORE, the Anti-Defamation League urges the President of the United States to take all steps towards obtaining the release of Raoul Wallenberg;

AND FURTHERMORE, to implement this resolution, the Anti-Defamation League will appoint a special commission of five National Commissioners to cooperate with the international Raoul Wallenberg committees.

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH, JUNE 2, 1980

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